



12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Homework Arrangements: A Guide for Parents**

Welcome to a new school year! We believe that homework plays a vital role in consolidating your child's learning and fostering a strong home-school partnership. We recognise that children do not stop thinking and learning when they leave school at the end of the day and that they can benefit greatly from the complementary learning that they do at home whilst ensuring that this is balanced with having time to be a child.

Below is a year-by-year guide to our homework expectations. This year, we are replacing our on-line learning platform for maths with Numbots and Times Table Rockstars - learning platforms which helps children become fluent in times tables which helps cut thinking delay and improve fluency and recall.

Please also note that pupils in Year 1 and 2 reading phonic books, may bring home a book that they have read before in order to recap phonemes and ensure they are secure in their long-term memory.

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#### **Year 1 & Year 2**

- **Homework Focus:** Building foundational skills in reading, spelling and maths.
- **What to Expect:**
  - **Reading:** Daily reading for at least 10 minutes. Please jot a quick note in their reading record to indicate that your child has read. Children in Year 1 and into Year 2 will continue to read phonics books until they have completed the programme of learning. Once complete, children will have a colour banded book which will be matched to their reading age and ability.
  - **Phonic Books** should be read three times to build confidence and fluency.
  - **Spellings:** An overview of words for the half term will be sent home to practise. These will be based on the phonics sounds and spelling rules we are learning in class.
  - A list of 5 words will be provided for Year 1 and 6 words for Year 2. Words and spelling patterns will be assessed through dictation and recall during the week.
  - **Maths:** A short Numbots activity for Year 1 transitioning to Times Table Rockstars for Year 2
  - Quick recall maths fluency facts will be shared each half-term via Google Classroom for your child to learn.





- **Frequency & Hand-in:** Reading books and records should be in school everyday and books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.
  - **Parental Support:** Help your child find a quiet space to work. For spellings, try fun methods like rainbow writing, writing them in sand or using magnetic letters.
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### Year 3 & Year 4

- **Homework Focus:** Developing independence and embedding core skills, particularly times tables, spelling patterns and reading fluency.
  - **What to Expect:**
    - **Reading:** Continued daily reading for 15-20 minutes. We encourage children to read a wider range of texts and discuss them with you.
    - **Spellings:** An overview of words for the half term will be sent home to practise. These will be based on the spelling rules and patterns we are learning in class.
    - A list of 7 words will be provided for Year 3 and 9 words for Year 4. These will be assessed through dictation and recall during the week.
    - **Maths:** Weekly times tables practice using Times Table Rockstars
    - Quick recall maths fluency facts will be shared each half-term via Google Classroom for your child to learn.
  - **Frequency & Hand-in:** Reading books and records should be in school everyday and books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday if needed.
  - Reading records will be checked on a Friday
  - Online maths tasks should be completed by Friday each week.
  - **Parental Support:** Encourage your child to manage their own time and to have a go at tasks independently before asking for help.
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We recognise that if children are working hard at school they need time to pursue other interests at home so these activities do not need to be completed all at once. They can be broken up into smaller tasks and completed through the week.

As we help our pupils to form good habits and prepare them for the transition to middle school at the end of Year 4, children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) will be provided with support to complete any activities they have not been able to complete at home between 12 and 12.20pm on a Friday should they need it.



**Next steps:**

- Thursday 18th September- reading books for Years 1- 4 will be sent home along with the Mylogin instructions
- Friday 19th September - spellings will be available on Google Classroom for Years 1 - 4
- Friday 3rd October - Times Table Rockstars parent information shared via Arbor
- Friday 10th October - Numbots available for Years 1 & 2 and Times Table Rockstars for Years 3 & 4

Thank you for all your support,

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